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Stellenbosch University LaunchLab seeks to build high impact, sustainable companies from the University. Over the past five years, SU LaunchLab has incubated 200+ companies from both University Technology Transfer as well the local startup ecosystem resulting in over R205+M of external investment and 540 direct jobs created.

In September, SU LaunchLab will be kicking off an exciting new chapter in its 5+ year history with a rebrand, new website and new suite of entrepreneurial programs. Here are some highlights:

- **September 14:** Launch of the new SU LaunchLab website including the 'Student Entrepreneur Hub', which will have information on all entrepreneurial programs across the University and Western Cape.
- **September 16:** Fireside chat with Silicon Valley serial entrepreneur and startup legend [Steve Blank](#). Widely considered the founder of lean startup methodology & teacher of Eric Ries (author of '[The Lean Startup](#)'), Steve has multiple successful exits to his credit returning investors over \$1B USD.
- **September 29:** Vision 2020 & Beyond 2.0 - a panel discussion led by SU LaunchLab's Director of Innovation, Brandon Paschal, featuring Josh Romisher (CEO of SU LaunchLab), Anita Nel (CEO of Innovus) and other prominent members of the South Africa startup ecosystem that will be announced in coming weeks.

SU LaunchLab is also scaling its Fellow Program, which offers current or former USB students an opportunity to work with the SU LL team for 2 months on specific projects. It's an excellent opportunity to try out the startup life while also giving back to the University's only business incubator. There is an active opening for a 'Mentor & Expert Program Designer' on the SU LL website with a 1 September start date. Additional job opportunities will be coming in September.

Check out all news at www.launchlab.co.za or email us directly at josh@launchlab.co.za for more information.